

*The CASE of the SHIP-WRIGHTS,  
and other Trades Depending thereon. Or, Some  
REASONS Humbly Offered to the Ho-  
nourable the House of Commons, against making  
Foreign Built Ships Free of Great Britain.*

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I. **T**HAT if such Foreign Built Ships be made Free, it will Hinder and Discourage the Breeding of Able Shipwrights, Caulkers, Sail-makers, Rope-makers, Anchor-Smiths, and many other Trades and Artificers thereon Depending; whose Trades and Sole Livelyhood chiefly Depend on the Building of Ships, and who are frequently wanted, and often Impressed into Her Majesties Service, upon many Expeditions, for fitting Her Majesties Navy.

II. If those Ships, (for which Bills are now brought into this Honourable House,) be made Free, it will Incourage others to Crave the like, and not only very much Discourage the Artificers here, which are so very Useful to this Nation, but also be a great Hindrance and Prejudice to those Gentlemen that have Timber fit for Felling, and that shall preserve the Growth of Timber, and consequently much Lessen the Value of their Estates.

III. Foreign Ships so made Free by Act of Parliament, will not only Discourage and Impoverish the several Trades and Artificers aforesaid, together with several Thousand poor Families, employed under them; and Lessen the Value of all Timber Estates, but also very much prejudice Her Majesty in Her Customs. *As for Example.*

A Ship of 500 Tuns, Requires 35 Tuns of Cordage, which Pays 7*l.* p. Tun Custom, which comes to ----- 245 *l.*

And takes up 6030 Yards of Sail-Cloth, which? } 41 10 *s.*

Pays Custom, ----- }  
And also about 16 Tun of Iron-work, inclu- }  
ding Anchors, which Pays the Queen 40 *s.* } 32 00  
per Tun Custom, which comes to ----- }

*The Queen's Loss of her Custom,* 218 10

Besides Loss in Shipwrights Labour at 40 *s.* p. Tun 1000 00

Loss in Labour to the Rope-Maker, 245 00

Loss in Labour to the Sail-Maker, 75 00

Loss in Labour to the Smiths, 120 00

*Loss by Labour to the said several Trades,* 1440 00

And so in Proportion for a Ship of greater or lesser Burthen, besides Loss by Labour to several other Trades, wholly depending upon Shipping.



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